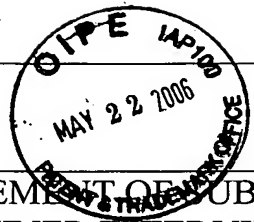


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No fees are believed to be due. If this is not the case, please charge any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, deposit account number 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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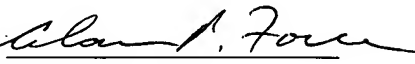
As required by MPEP 713.04, this paper describes the substance of a telephone interview between Examiner Morris and Alan P. Force (Reg. No.: 39,673), agent for Applicants, on April 3, 2006, for the above-identified application. Examiner Morris stated the following: Applicants have changed the scope of the claims, and that the claims are no longer drawn to the previously elected invention, i.e., drawn to compounds only. Applicants position is that the scope of the claims have not changed, and that the claims are still drawn to the previously elected invention, i.e., the stable lansoprazole compounds of the invention.

A full response will follow in the response to the March 8, 2006 Office action.

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